

Lesson 9  
II CORINTHIANS Chapter 9

1. **Read verses 1-5. Paul continues his discussion of the preparation of the offering that had been promised by the Corinthians to the church in Jerusalem.**

1.1. In verse 1, Paul mentions “ministering” to the saints. To what is he referring?

1.1.1. In what way is giving a form of ministry?

1.2. Are we required to tithe, if we are not under the Law? If not, how are we to handle financial giving? (See 1 Corinthians 16:2, Exodus 25:2, 1 Corinthians 9:7.)

1.3. Why did Paul suggest that they prepare their offering ahead of his arrival, according to verse 5?

1.3.1. How does preparing our offering ahead of time help us to give cheerfully?

1.4. In verse 3, Paul refers to brethren that he had sent ahead to help in the preparing and receiving of this offering. Who were these men? (See 1 Corinthians 8:16-23.)

1.4.1. How could they be characterized, based upon their description in Chapter 8?

1.4.2. Why did Paul feel it was important to entrust financial matters such as the handling of this offering to brethren such as these? (See 1 Corinthians 8:20-21.)

1.4.3. Is there a lesson for the modern church today in the way Paul handled this matter?

2. **Read verses 6 & 7**

2.1. What is the message Paul is trying to convey to the Corinthians?



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**3. Read verse 15**

3.1. What is the gift to which Paul is referring in this verse? (See Isaiah 9:6, John3:16, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8, 1 John3:1, Acts 2:38, Ezekiel 36:26-27.)

3.1.1. The word used to describe this gift, *anekdiegetos*, (Strong's G410) means that which is inexpressible, or indescribable. In what ways is this gift too wonderful for words to those who have accepted it?

3.1.2. Why do you think Paul concluded this discussion of the giving of gifts with a reminder about this gift from God?

3.1.3. How is this gift an appropriate motivation for generosity in the believer?

**4. In verses 6 & 7 Paul is speaking of obedience to the Lord in regard to the ministry of giving.**

4.1. Discuss the importance of obedience in any and all acts of ministry.